Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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B.J. Bueno, Chair Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300 Washington, DC 20260

Dear Chair Bueno and Members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

Congressman John Lewis was a hero, humanitarian, visionary leader, and a change agent who dedicated his life to civil service and voting rights. Committed to liberty and justice for all, Congressman Lewis worked tirelessly to build and protect the "Beloved Community," contributing decades of blood, sweat, and tears to ensure that future generations could exercise rights for which he repeatedly risked his life. In memory of his service, we request that you recommend that a commemorative postal stamp be issued in his honor.

Congressman Lewis lives on in the hearts of the American people as a civil rights hero and principled leader. Long before he held the title of Congressman, he had humble beginnings as the son of a sharecropper in rural Alabama. Even as a child, he demonstrated a desire for change, famously *Preaching to the Chickens* as he geared up to send a message to the world. Graduating from chickens, he would later speak to millions of people through his work as Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Voter Education Project, ACTION, and Atlanta City Council. He is famously remembered for his planning and speech at the March on Washington, the Nashville sit-ins, and for the various occasions he bravely risked his life, including during a march on "Bloody Sunday" on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Each selfless act was in service to the many civil rights efforts he continued to champion in his decades of service in Congress.

As members of Congress, many of us were fortunate enough to see what the people saw in Congressman Lewis – but up close. Congressman Lewis was our colleague, mentor, a true friend, and a person who inspired joy. As the "conscience of the Congress," his life and sacrifice continue to set the bar for our work to this day reminding us of our North Star and commitment to the people. We learned from Congressman Lewis that we must always fight for those who have been left behind, making *Good Trouble* and advancing progress toward real change.

Congressman Lewis' life, work, and legacy merit commemoration, including through the issuance of a commemorative stamp. We ask that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee recommend to the Postmaster General that a postal stamp in honor of Congressman Lewis be issued. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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